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Whereas, The Carriage House, founded in 1997 through a partnership with Park Center and the Fort Wayne chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, has a singular mission of "helping adults reclaim their lives from the devastation of mental illness";

Whereas, The National Institute of Mental Health Fact Sheet reports that an estimated 22.1% of Americans ages 18 and older suffer from a diagnosable mental disorder;

Whereas, When this data is applied to the 2000 U.S. Census information for Allen County, it translates to over 54,000 adults suffering from mental illness;

Whereas, The Carriage House helps these people lead more productive lives and avoid the despair that often results from time spent in hospitals or jails;

Whereas, The Carriage House has a total membership of 683 people of which about 220 actively participate; the dedicated staff has already helped over 150 people reenter the workforce and more than 100 people work toward their educational goals;

Whereas, Members of the Carriage House work side by side with staff in a non-traditional setting on meaningful activities to help build the confidence and self-esteem



necessary to reclaim their lives;

Whereas, The Carriage House is a day program where members can be found working hand in hand with staff on tasks they might be asked to do in a work environment, such as entering data into computers, preparing food, writing a nationally distributed newsletter, and hiring and evaluating staff;

Whereas, The Carriage House uses the "Clubhouse Model" of psycho-social rehabilitation, which is based on a set of 36 standards ratified by the International Center for Clubhouse Development; and

Whereas, Through assistance with employment, education, housing, and other needs, the Carriage House ensures that members have real opportunities to improve their lives: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly wishes to
2 recognize the outstanding accomplishments of the Carriage House and
3 the many contributions it has made to the citizens of Indiana who are
4 in need of help to make their lives more productive.

5 SECTION 2. That copies of this resolution be transmitted by the
6 Secretary of the Senate to Patsy Dumas, President of the Board of
7 Directors of the Carriage House and Alexander (Andy) Wilson,
8 Executive Director of the Carriage House.

